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CALTRANS ASKS PUBLIC TO SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE

Eureka – Caltrans asks motorists to increase their awareness while driving through highway work zones after the third death of a Caltrans highway worker in the past two and a half months. Caltrans has lost a total of 170 workers since 1924.

Caltrans District 1 Director Charlie Fielder stated, “Our highway workers face challenging work conditions everyday. We ask the public to drive carefully through work zones to help protect these dedicated men and women.”

On Friday, December 7, Caltrans required all of its highway workers statewide to immediately return from the field to review safety procedures following the loss of their co-worker near Sacramento.

Caltrans asks motorists to **Slow for the Cone Zone** and to be aware of the highway workers who are risking their safety to bring better, safer, and more efficient highways to the traveling public. Please drive courteously and cautiously through work zones, and watch for advisory signs. Caltrans is committed to providing the safest transportation system in the nation for users and workers.

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